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SUBJECT : LOCAL PRESS ATTACK ON UK- US BASES IN INDIAN OCEAN

1. BEGIN UNCLAS. THE OFFICIAL GUINEAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY NEWSPAPER HOROYA, ON MARCH 16 CARRIED AN INSIDE ARTICLE ATTACKING THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR WHAT HOROYA CALLED RETURNING TO " IMPERIALIST" POLICIES. THE MAIN THRUST OF THE ARTICLE WAS THAT THE BRITISH CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT HAD ESTABLISHED MILITARY BASES TO BRING PRESSURE ON TRULY INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES OF SOUTHEAST ASIA AND AFRICA AND IS TRYING TO RECREATE ANTI- COMMUNIST ALLIANCES.

2. THE ARTICLE CLAIMS UK- US AIR AND NAVAL BASES ON DIEGO GARCIA WILL BECOME SUPPORT BASES FOR US AND BRITISH FORCES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. FURTHER MILITARY BASES ALSO ENVISAGED ON BRITISH ISLANDS OF ALDABRA AND FARQUHAR. ALL THESE BASES AS WELL AS OTHER UK AND NATO BASES IN THE CANARIES AND THE AZORES, HOROYA CHARGES, ARE AIMED AT THOSE AFRICAN COUNTRIES WHERE THE PROCESS OF NATIONAL LIBERATIONS IS MOVING AHEAD.

3. IN DISCUSSING SEA, THE AUTHOR NOTES APPROVINGLY THAT THE
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MEMBERS OF ASEAN AND EVEN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND ADOPTING A MORE NEUTRAL STANCE AND SHOWING INCREASING INDEPENDENCE.
END UNCLAS.

4. BEGIN L O U. COMMENT: THIS ARTICLE WHICH HAS NO DATELINE WAS SIGNED " T. R." IT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN WRITTEN TO ASSIST THE PROPAGANDA EFFORTS OF THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS AS WELL AS TO FOSTER SEKOU TOURE' S IMAGE OF THE PERMANENT THREAT OF COUNTER- REVOLUTION AGAINST HIS REGIME. IT DIRECTS ITS ATTACK AGAINST
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FOREIGN MILITARY
BASES AS WELL AS AGAINST THOSE NATIONS WHICH " PRETEND TO HEGEMONY WHILE DIVIDING THE WORLD INTO SPHERES OF INFLUENCE." IN ATTACKING BRITISH- US BASES THE AUTHOR CHARGES THEY ARE DESIGNED TO ATTACK PROGRESSIVE AFRICAN REGIMES AND SUPPORT RACISM AND APARTHEID. END L O U.
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